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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. IN THE LIST BELOW I AM INCLUDING THOSE SPECIFIC ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE AS WELL AS THOSE COVERED IN THE TALKS WHERE SOME WASHINGTON FOLLOW-UP IS REQUIRED. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES ACTION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY AND IS SO NOTED.
2. LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT (COMMUNIQUE AND TALKS). WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED: US PREFERENCES FOR TIMING AND LOCATION OF TALKS. COMMENT: EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT TALKS SHOULD TAKE PLACE SOON AFTER JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS THERE. LOCATION COULD BE EITHER HERE OR WASHINGTON. IF LATTER, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD PARTICIPATE SO OUR EXPERIENCE CAN BE DRAWN ON DIRECTLY.
3. GSP (IN TALKS CEASUSECU WAS TOLD BY PRESIDENT THAT WE WOULD MOVE ON GSP). NEXT STEP IS TO TRANSFER ROMANIA FROM LIST OF COUNTRIES "UNDER CONSIDERATION" TO THAT OF BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MARCH 24, 1975, ROMANIA HAVING BEEN ON OTHER LIST PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF LACK OF MFN. AS I DISCUSSED AUGUST 3 WITH ASST
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SECRETARY HARTMAN, WE HAVE TOLD ROMANIANS BEFORE AND WILL

CONTINUE TO EXPLAIN THAT GRANTING OF GSP IS NOT AUTOMATIC BUT INVOLVES AMONG OTHER FACTORS RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL TARIFF COMMISSION. I HAD A CHANCE TO MAKE THIS POINT AGAIN BRIEFLY JUST AFTER THE PLANE DEPARTED TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, WHEN HE MENTIONED GSP, AS WELL AS TO FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU. I AM SENDING MACOVESCU THE TEXT OF TITLE V OF THE TRADE ACT. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED: EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF OUTSTANDING PROPERTY CASES WHICH WE ARE TRANSMITTING TO DEPARTMENT PER STATE 186227. WE ALSO REQUEST CLARIFICATION WHETHER THERE ARE ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 502 OF TRADE ACT THAT MIGHT HAVE BEARING UPON ROMANIAN ELIGIBILITY. MEANWHILE EMBASSY WILL EXPLORE WITH GOR IMPACT OF DECREE 223 ON CURRENT AND FUTURE PROPERTY CASES.

4. FLOOD AIR (COMMUNIQUE; IN TALKS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY MENTIONED RECONSTRUCTION AND FLOOD CONTROL ASSISTANCE). TWO PLANELOADS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES ARRIVED AUGUST 7. GOR HAS REQUESTED AID IN THE FORM OF SEEDS (LATEST IS BUCHAREST 3777) AND FLOOD CONTROL DATA AND EQUIPMENT (BUCHAREST 3720). WE AWAIT GOR CLARIFICATION OF REQUESTS FOR CCC CREDITS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD CONTROL/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANNING. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED: RESPONSES TO BUCHAREST 3777 AND 3720.

5. CONCESSIONAL CREDITS (IN TALKS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY SAID THEY WOULD LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF CREDITS CONNECTED WITH AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION OR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS). WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED: DETERMINATION WHETHER THIS SORT OF TIED CREDIT IS ANY MORE POSSIBLE THAN UNTIED ONES WE HAD EARLIER SAID WE COULD NOT PROVIDE WITHOUT SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE SANCTION. COMMENT: WE WONDER WHETHER FLOOD CONTROL AND PREVENTION AREA OFFERS ANY CREDIT POSSIBILITIES NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE, AS FOR FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (BUCHAREST 3720).

6. AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT (COMMUNIQUE). FIRST DRAFTS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED. AGREEMENT SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED DURING AGRICULTURE MINISTER MICULESCU'S VISIT IN SEPTEMBER. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED. USDA TEXT NEEDED OF ANNEX II
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ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROJECT AS REQUESTED (BUCHAREST 3811). ROMANIAN TEXT OF ANNEX III ON AGRIBUSINESS BEING SENT USDA (SEPTTEL).

7. MARITIME AGREEMENT (COMMUNIQUE). PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR BUCHAREST IN OCTOBER. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED: NONE.

8. ENERGY COOPERATION INCLUDING NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION (COMMUNIQUE). WE UNDERSTAND BALL STILL IN ROMANIANS' COURT (STATE 181670 EXDIS) FOR MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO BE DISCUSSED EVENTUALLY WITH ERDA IN WASHINGTON BY NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE. NCST INFORMED THAT ERDA PLANS NO COOPERATIVE DISCUSSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSAL FOR ROUTINE PHYSICAL SECURITY VISIT. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED: ON QUESTION OF EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT FOR HEAVY WATER SYSTEM, A DEFINITIVE OPINION WE CAN TRANSMIT TO GOR ON WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL AGREE TO NUCLEAR COOPERATION BILATERAL (ALSO STATE 181670).

9. ENVIRONMENT (COMMUNIQUE.) WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED ONE ROMANIAN PROPOSAL IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, ALTHOUGH ITS TIMING IS ONLY COINCIDENTALLY LINKED TO PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. PROPOSAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO DHEW AND EPA. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED: EPA SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE WELCOME.

10. HEALTH (COMMUNIQUE). WE BELIEVE BEST APPROACH IS TO CARRY OUT RECOMMENDATIONS OF HEW TEAM WHICH WAS HERE THIS SPRING. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED: PLAN FOR SPECIFIC ACTIONS IN LINE WITH HEW STUDY. FORWARD PART II OF HEW TEAM REPORT TO EMBASSY.

11. UN SPECIAL SESSION (TALKS). SECRETARY INDICATED HE WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU AT SPECIAL SESSION AND WOULD HAVE AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN GET IN TOUCH WITH ROMANIAN DELEGATION.
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